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Alta. rockers tapped for Juno Awards

MUSIC Edmonton bands Ten Second Epic and Stereos will represent Alberta at this year's Juno Awards.

"We're at home right now, but we're ready to go to St. John's and have a great time," said Ten Second Epic's Andrew Usenik.

Admittedly, Usenik thinks it's a bit strange for his band to be nominated in the best new group category since Ten Second Epic has been around the music scene for the past seven years.

But for the band, the Junos will be a great reason to party, regardless of whether they win.

"It's a big deal for our fans in Canada, it's exciting for them," Usenik said.

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The Minnesota Wild's Brent Burns collides with the Calgary Flames' Eric Nystrom as they chase the puck during first-period NHL hockey action in Calgary yesterday. More trade coverage, page 14.

'That is a taboo trade'

Fans react to deal that makes Oilers rearguard a Flame

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If you ask most Calgary Flames fans, they would say hell froze over on March 3, 2010 — that's the day the Flames made a trade with their provincial arch-rivals, the Edmonton Oilers, for the first time in history.

By shipping Flames defenceman Aaron Johnson and a third-round pick to the capital city, Calgary acquired veteran rearguard Steve Staios and the distinction of making a deal with the devil, according to some local hockey fans. "Well, I am from Toronto and that is a taboo trade.

That's like the Leafs and Senators making a trade. You just don't do it," said fan Katie Morgan from Flames Central.

"But it sounds like we got a good trade and if he isn't any good, let's just send him back."

Flames general manager Darryl Sutter said he was working on the deal with the rivals for the past month or so before wrapping it up with the Oilers prior to the trade deadline.

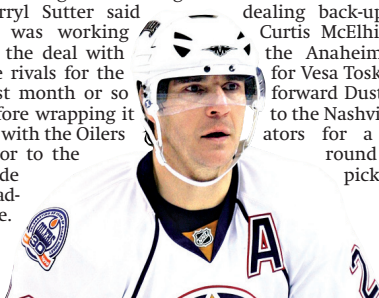
Flames fan Joe Doucet put aside his "natural hate" for the Oilers for what he called a "great trade for us and a bad trade for them," adding that he also supported the Flames' other trades.

The Flames were busy before the trade deadline, dealing back-up goalie Curtis McElhinney to the Anaheim Ducks for Vesa Toskala, and forward Dustin Boyd to the Nashville Predators for a fourth-round draft pick.

Steve Staios

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@holdencalgary Now that the door is open, can we trade Bronconner for someone in Edmonton? #Flames



Families remember murdered Mounties

ANNIVERSARY The families of four Mounties slain on an Alberta farm five years ago were gathering with their loved ones in private yesterday to mark one of the darkest days in RCMP history.

"You can't help but be drawn back to the events of that day and just kind of relive them," said Rev. Don Schiemann, whose son was one of the constables killed by a cop-hating gunman near Mayerthorpe, Alta.

"We'll go out to the grave site," said Schiemann, who planned to spend the day in Edmonton with his daughter and her young family. "We just want a bit of a private time."

The only organized event to honour the officers was a small candle-lighting ceremony planned for yesterday night at a park in Mayerthorpe, where statues of the four stand.

On March 3, 2005, James Roszko cut down the Mounties, who were staking out a Quonset hut after a raid uncovered stolen auto parts and dozens of marijuana plants on his property.

Constables Brock Myrol, 29; Anthony Gordon, 28; Leo Johnston, 32; and Peter Schiemann, 25, were shot dead before Roszko turned the gun on himself.

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Deal honours dead Mountie

Program to send cops abroad a tribute to officer killed in Haiti quake

Calgary's police chief says a new agreement to send officers to help out around the world pays tribute to an RCMP officer killed while doing just that in Haiti.

Chief Rick Hanson signed an agreement yesterday to allow his officers to take part in the RCMP's International Police Peace Operations Program.

The former head of that program, Chief Supt. Doug Coates, died in the earthquake while serving with the United Nations on Jan. 12 in Port-au-Prince.

"I like to think that signing this agreement today is a tribute to him and his commitment," Hanson said.

Coates helped the Calgary office set up the program before his death, including emphasizing the importance of peer support for officers who decide to take part, said Hanson.



Supt. Paul Young, director of the RCMP's International Peace Operations Branch, and Calgary Police Chief Rick Hanson shook hands on a partnership that will see Calgary officers serve on overseas training missions.

Supt. Paul Young, RCMP program director, said 250 officers will deploy this year, double the number of the previous year. Two officers from Calgary will get the chance to go to Sudan.

Hanson said there's a moral obligation for those lucky enough to live in Canada to help out the less fortunate.

Foreign officers help these countries develop policing to a level that en-

courages education and commerce and allows "everybody to be able to walk down the streets with the same sense of safety that you feel in any Canadian city."

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Summit celebrates fight against homelessness

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Results

• Tim Richter says two years into the 10-year plan, already more than 1,200 women, men and children have been placed into homes in the city.

POVERTY Calgary is leading the charge to end homelessness, according to experts in the city for the 2010 Community Summit to End Homelessness.

More than 300 people gathered at the one-day event to celebrate successes going into the third year

of the city's plan to end homelessness, according

to the president and CEO of Calgary's Homeless Foundation.

"Attendance this year is almost double what we expected, so I think that speaks volumes of the success and the commitment of the community to end homelessness," Tim Richter said.

Calgary was the first Canadian city to adopt the Pathways to Housing: New

York model of helping homelessness, according to its founder Dr. Sam Tsemberis.

"Calgary has been leaders in this ... By putting people into homes first and finding support later, there is a better success rate," Tsemberis added.

Jan. 29, 2010, marked the second anniversary of the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness in the city.

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Dhunna granted day parole

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Council OK's money for Chinatown anniversary

FUNDING With unanimous support, funding for Chinatown's 100th anniversary received a \$500,000 cash injection from the city, according to Ward 7 Ald. Druh Farrell. Farrell was pleased the community and protective services committee approved the funding yesterday for the

event that is "more than just a street party."

"This is a legacy and it will last well into the future and is wonderful for the whole city," she said after the decision.

Farrell said the meeting was well attended by the community.

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Grizzly population falling: Report

ENVIRONMENT The Alberta government says there are just under 700 grizzly bears living in the province.

But the government isn't saying whether that's a low enough number to list the species as threatened.

The new report, done by an independent scientist, estimates that there are 691 bears in Alberta and

notes that some of the populations are declining.

At last count in 2000, the government said there were 841 bears in the province.

The government says the Endangered Species Conservation Committee will review the new count and decide whether to change the bears' designation.

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News in brief

RECOVERY Stolen furniture with a value near \$16,000 was recovered after the joint execution of a search warrant March 2 by the Chestermere RCMP

and the Calgary Police Service. The furniture is believed to have been taken from La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries in Calgary.

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Rock star artist visits in support of charity

Michael Godard to auction sketch tomorrow

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He's billed as the rock star of the art world and Friday night he will be painting this town red.

Well-known and popular U.S. artist Michael Godard travelled from Las Vegas this week to make several stops in Alberta, including one tomorrow night at the Editions Art Gallery in Southcentre mall where he will be doing an original sketch to be auctioned off to raise money for the Children's Wish Foundation.

"I just think it's a lot of fun and I'm always

excited to come to Calgary. I think I was put on earth to do some good and art has given me the opportunity to do that," Godard said, adding he has been to Calgary half-a-dozen times for the fundraising event.

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"I'm always excited to come to Calgary."
Michael Godard

For me, the whole thing is awesome," he said.

Neil Moir of the Editions Art Gallery said the gallery loves having Godard come each year and expects about 200 people at the event.

"It's fun and it's for a good cause," Moir said.

Godard will be at the gallery from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.



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Kenney: No gay rights role

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney is apparently denying any role in the removal of references to gay rights from a citizenship study guide. "I did not do such a thing. No, no you are wrong," Kenney said when asked yesterday if he blocked any information about same-sex marriage and charter rights protecting sexual orientation.

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It's bye-bye big spender

Say goodbye to Canada's big-spending glory days.

After a two-month parliamentary shutdown to "recalibrate" its agenda, the Conservative government laid out an austerity plan for the country in yesterday's throne speech in a bid to chop the record \$56-billion deficit.

The government said it will restore the country's "fiscal balance" by restraining spending, starting with a proposed symbolic freeze on lofty MP salaries.

Despite the recalibration, there are no major new initiatives and no plans for huge spending cuts — and none of the big spending of past budgets.

"They shut down Parliament for this?"

Michael Ignatieff

As expected, the Tories confirmed that the last \$19 billion from the big-money, recession-fighting stimulus fund will be doled out next fiscal year, and then the taps are off for good.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff called the speech "regurgitation" rather than recalibration.

"They shut down Parliament for this?" he asked.

He added: "Is this the result of prorogation?"

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Rick on the run Paralympic torch sets young hearts aflame



Comedian Rick Mercer runs with the Paralympic torch during the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic torch relay launch ceremony on Parliament Hill yesterday. The relay will visit 11 communities in 10 days before the lighting of the Paralympic cauldron at B.C. Place in downtown Vancouver on March 12, opening the first Paralympic Winter Games ever held in Canada.

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THE SEXES Women have seen only a small part of the action in the Conservative government's Economic Action Plan.

That's the finding of a new study into how the sexes are faring in federal stimulus spending.

As the federal government prepares to roll out its budget today, a study by a Queen's University professor argues that men are seeing a disproportionate share of the benefits of Ottawa's record spending over the past year.

Kathleen Lahey says women have received only

"Our government is fully supportive of gender equality."

Andrew MacDougall

about seven to 22 per cent of federal infrastructure spending, because they are under-represented in construction, manufacturing and engineering.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office disagrees.

"Our government is fully supportive of gender equality," said spokesperson Andrew MacDougall.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Birds don't fear cannons: Lawyer

ENVIRONMENT The lawyer for Syncrude Canada is challenging the effectiveness of sound cannons to scare ducks away from toxic oil sands ponds.

The energy giant is on trial on federal and provincial environmental charges over the deaths of more than 1,600 ducks in its Aurora tailings pond in northern Alberta two years ago.

Syncrude lawyer Robert White told court birds lose their fear of sonic cannons after about two hours.

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News in brief

AIR CRASH A small ultra-light plane reportedly broke apart in the air over Vancouver Island yesterday before crashing to the ground and killing the pilot. Two witnesses reported the plane breaking apart in mid-air about 10 kilometres west of Courtenay.

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Couple accused of bartering sex with daughter

Authorities in Georgia say a mother and father offered sex with their 14-year-old daughter in lieu of making payments on their minivan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World

Widening scandal shocks Germany

It happened for years, again and again. Every morning before class, the boys had to undress and Father Ludger Stueper sprayed them with cold water from the hose, front and back.

The boys also had to lie down on Stueper's couch where the Roman Catholic priest would take their temperature — rectally for seven minutes. Then there were the photos taken of the boys, forced to pose naked.

A few of the at least 150 victims are now willing to speak out in an ever-widening scandal involving allegations of priests sexually abusing their pupils at sev-

Papal reaction

Neither Pope Benedict XVI nor the Vatican has made specific remarks about the abuse scandal in Germany, a Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, said, but he added that previous statements on other such scandals — including most recently about Ireland — are certainly valid for Germany.

eral Catholic high schools across Germany.

The scandal has spiralled since seven alumni of the prestigious Catholic Canisius Kolleg in Berlin first came forward with allegations of abuse in January,

shocking the homeland of Pope Benedict XVI.

While the focus of the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic church centred on the U.S. for several years, abuse scandals have in recent years erupted in other countries as well, including Canada, Ireland, the Philippines, Poland, Mexico, Italy and elsewhere.

More than one month after the first victims came forward in Berlin, new revelations of child abuse by Catholic priests are surfacing on an almost daily basis. "This is just the tip of the iceberg," the Rev. Klaus Mertes, the director of Canisius Kolleg said last month.

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Uganda Death toll rises



STEPHEN WANDER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Men carry a coffin up towards the area of the mudslides in Uganda yesterday. Rivers of mud swamped houses, stores and at least one school after torrential rains Tuesday, killing at least 92 people with some 250 still missing, officials say.

News in brief

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Blogger on trial

An Egyptian blogger is being tried in a military tribunal for accusing the nation's army academy of corruption on his blog. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Obama makes final push for health care

U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday made what is expected to be his final push to overhaul the American health-care system, revising his plans in an attempt to win the support of moderate Democrats.

Obama's latest proposal included some ideas favoured by Republicans, though he has little hope of winning over even a single Republican lawmaker. Republicans have called on him to discard his proposals and start working with them on a new one.

But the White House hopes that by including elements of Republican plans, Obama can win over Democratic lawmakers from conservative districts whose re-election hopes in November could be jeopardized by voting for the bill. If he can generate stronger Democratic support, he can manoeuvre to bypass Republican objections.

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U.S. President Barack Obama

year of negotiations would help. Moreover, the insurance companies aren't starting over," Obama said, rejecting Republican calls to begin anew.

The president endorsed a plan by Democrats to try and enact the legislation by majority vote — using a Senate procedure that would deny Republicans the right to procedural delays.

Obama's appeal came several days after he convened a televised bipartisan summit with lawmakers, then released a revised plan that he said incorporated several Republican suggestions.

At its core, Obama's proposal would extend health care to tens of millions of uninsured Americans, while cracking down on in-

surance company practices such as denying coverage on the basis of a pre-existing medical condition. The United States is the only major industrialized country without universal health care.

Obama and congressional Democrats are working to mount a party-line rescue mission for the health care legislation that appeared on the cusp of passage late last year, only to be derailed when Republicans won a Massachusetts Senate seat that gave them the ability to stop it.

Democrats still hold a majority in the 100-seat Senate, but they are one seat shy of the 60 needed to stop Republican filibusters, delaying tactics meant to stall legislation.

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Malaysia Caning for drinking



Kartika Sari Dewi Shukarno waves as she leaves an Islamic Religious Office with her family in Malaysia yesterday. Shukarno is scheduled to be caned for consuming alcohol.

First aid goes to soldiers' families

CHILE Four days after a deadly earthquake, Chile's military finally launched a massive humanitarian aid effort yesterday that promised to improve an image long associated with dictatorship-era repression. Its first delivery went to a neighbourhood of military families who already had food. After days of looting, rifle-toting army troops occupied nearly every block of hard-hit Concepcion, enforcing a curfew that expired at noon with checkpoints throughout the city. With the streets more secure, they focused on aid. Military officers who refused to give their names insisted their families were suffering, too, and that many soldiers have been working around the clock since the quake not knowing how their loved ones fared.

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'Heavenly Palace' on its way to space

BEIJING China's space program will launch an unmanned experimental module next year, the first component of its permanent space station, state media reported yesterday.

Before the completion of the station, the 8.5-ton module, named Tiangong 1, or "Heavenly Palace," will

be used for docking practice by China's Shenzhou space craft, Qi Faren, the program's veteran chief designer, was quoted as saying by the Xinhua News Agency. The unmanned Shenzhou 8 mission is expected to dock about two years after Tiangong's launch, followed by manned Shenzhou 9 and 10

flights. Xinhua quoted Liang Xiaohong, head of the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology, as saying Tiangong 1 would be slung into space atop a modified version of the two-stage Long March 2F rocket capable of carrying payloads of more than eight tons.

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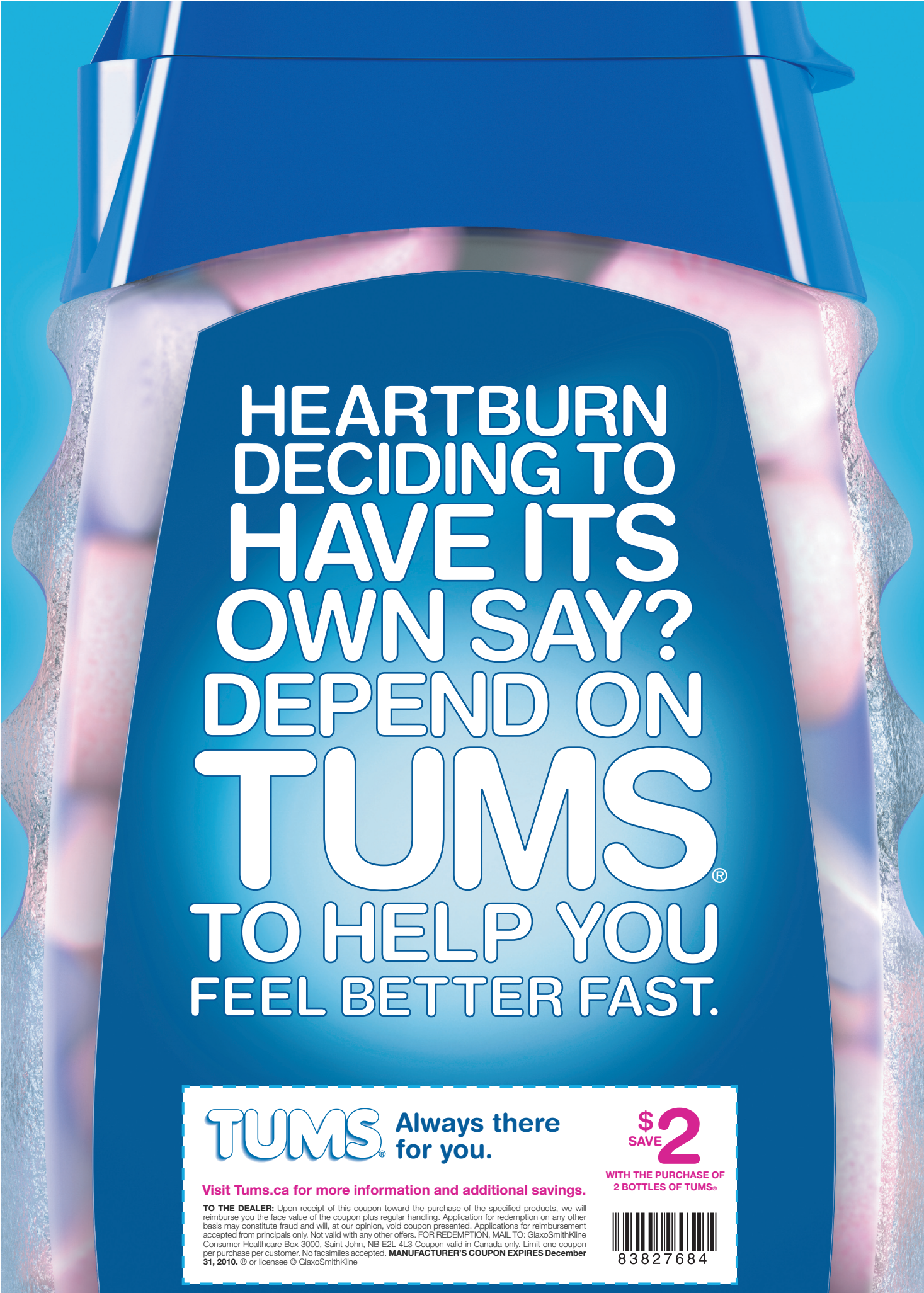
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Canadian bankruptcies up 25 per cent in 2009

The number of Canadians who filed for bankruptcy was up by more than a quarter last year, but both business and personal bankruptcies fell for the third straight month in December.

Overall, bankruptcies were up by 25.9 per cent, and consumer bankruptcies rose by 28.4 per cent from the last month of 2008, when Canada and most other developed countries were in the midst of a major global recession.

December also showed improvements from the preceding months of 2009, although the Office of the Superintendent of Bank-

Firms fare well

- Canadian firms appeared to have fared remarkably well during the downturn. Business bankruptcies fell 7.7 per cent in December and for 2009 as a whole, they were down 12.1 per cent.

ruptcies cautioned that filings have historically tended to decrease in the latter part of most years.

Consumer bankruptcies dropped 8.7 per cent in December, following a 3.8 per cent decline in November.

Proposals, an alternative to bankruptcy that allows for a renegotiation of pay-

ments, also fell by 16.6 per cent in December, according to statistics compiled by the federal superintendent of bankruptcy.

"The continuation of the downward trend in consumer bankruptcy filings appears to be an increasingly positive sign that Canadian households are getting a better grasp on their finances," said Royal Bank economist David Onyett-Jeffries.

Onyett-Jeffries explained that recent changes to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act encourages consumers to restructure debt as an alternative to declaring bankruptcy.

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Expect more recalls in future, say analysts

AUTO Nissan has joined the growing list of automakers recalling their vehicles, with a recall of more than 6,000 trucks and minivans in Canada to fix problems with brake pedals and fuel gauges.

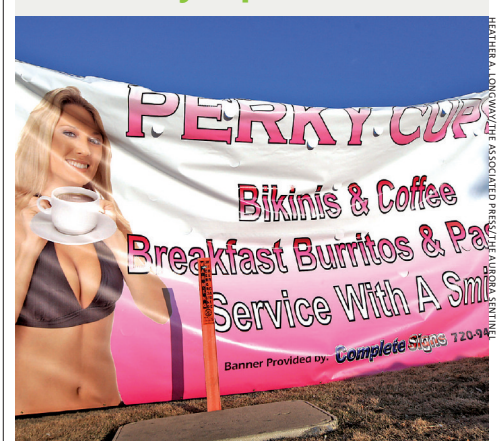
Industry analysts say recalls will become more commonplace as new vehicles incorporate more complex technology.

Analyst Dennis DesRosiers says automakers have been making their vehicles increasingly sophisticated in response to new regulations for safety, emissions and fuel efficiency.

He predicts this will lead to more and bigger recalls over the next 10 years.

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Coffee Perky Cups



Officials say a bikini and the First Amendment provide enough coverage for this advertisement outside a Denver coffee shop called Perky Cups, after Aurora city council member Molly Mark called the picture on the banner "degrading to women." The officials also deemed the billboard to be legal.

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PROFIT Torstar Corp. rose to a \$57.4-million profit in the fourth quarter, reversing a year-earlier loss as the big media company benefited from earlier cost-cutting.

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Radisson launches rebranding campaign

The owner of the Radisson chain is launching a \$1.5 billion rebranding and expansion to make its hotels more luxurious in markets where it now lags and increase the number of hotels it operates by 50 per cent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Drillers see bright times

Companies that provide drilling and other services to oil and gas producers in Canada are seeing some optimism return to their hard-hit industry, particularly in unconventional regions that require high-tech equipment.

"Activity levels have strengthened in the last few months," said Lyle Whitmarsh, president and chief executive of Trinidad Drilling Ltd.

He told a conference call that about 90 per cent of his company's drilling rig fleet in Canada is currently at work.

And day rates, the amount drillers charge for their services, appear to be gradually rising in areas where demand for specialized equipment is higher.

"We expect that demand in specific areas will continue to grow — those that require deeper, high horsepower and new technology will continue to be more sought after as market conditions improve."

One of those areas is the Cardium play, a big conventional oil pool that

Split

• BMO Capital Markets analyst Michael Mazar said there's a big split in the drilling industry between drillers that have the ability to work on unconventional projects, and those limited to shallower conventional ones.

stretches throughout much of west-central Alberta.

The Cardium was first discovered in the 1950s, but companies have been able to push more oil out of the mature field with the help of horizontal drilling and other techniques.

"This is good for the drilling industry in Canada because it provides additional work for the medium depth rigs that might not have the capacity to drill in the deep Montney or Horn River wells," said Whitmarsh, referring to two promising shale natural gas regions in north-eastern British Columbia.

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Gelato shop sues Olympic organizers

GAMES A popular Vancouver-area gelato shop is suing Olympic organizers and three levels of government for disrupting business during pre-Games road construction.

Mario's Gelati, located south of downtown near the athletes' village, has filed a statement of claim in B.C. Supreme Court seeking damages for the effects of road work last year.

The business alleges city officials initially promised construction in front of the shop would only take a month to complete and the road and sidewalk would be restored to its original condition after-

wards.

But the statement of claim, which also names the provincial and federal governments, says the project instead went on for seven months, lasting through the busy summer season, and the work is still affecting business.

The lawsuit appears to echo some of the arguments made by a merchant affected by the construction of the Canada Line rapid transit expansion in a case that saw that business owner awarded \$600,000 last year. The Mario Gelati statement of claim contains allegations that haven't been tested in court.

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Greece cutting salaries

FRUGALITY Greece announced painful new austerity measures yesterday, cutting salaries for government workers and raising taxes at the sales register, winning approval from the European Union as it tries to snuff out a financial crisis that threatens Europe's economy.

The government also said it wouldn't rule out

turning to the International Monetary Fund for help, a move that has been resisted by the EU.

The decisions to make the cuts were "not taken out of choice but out of necessity," Papandreou said as he briefed the country's president on the new measures, which amount to savings of \$4.8 billion.

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WestJet passenger traffic on the rise

AIR TRAVEL Passenger traffic at air carrier WestJet rose nine per cent in February from the same month a year earlier and the company said it is seeing an improvement in demand in the travel industry.

The Calgary-based com-

pany said yesterday it recorded a load factor, measuring the amount of its seating capacity used during the month, of 82.5 per cent, little changed from a year earlier.

Capacity measured in available seat miles grew

9.3 per cent over the same period in 2009.

"While our first quarter is traditionally a weaker period for domestic travel, directing the majority of new capacity towards our international expansion is allowing us to partially off-

set this seasonality," president and chief executive officer Sean Durfy said in a statement.

Shares in WestJet closed down 15 cents at \$13.97 on the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday.

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John Daly was so irritated that a Florida newspaper wrote about his PGA Tour disciplinary file that he referred to the writer as a "jerk" on Twitter and posted the writer's cellphone number for his followers to call. The file notes that Daly has been suspended five times and cited 21 times for not giving his best effort. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports

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Sports in brief

WOODS Jack Nicklaus is going to appear at next month's Masters. He thinks Tiger Woods will as well. Nicklaus said yesterday that "it would surprise me" if Woods did not return to competitive golf in time for the Masters, a tournament the embattled world No. 1 has won four times in his career.

NHL The sale of the Tampa Bay Lightning to Boston Red Sox minority owner Jeff Vinik is complete. The NHL's Board of Governors gave unanimous approval to the deal yesterday.

BASEBALL The Chicago Cubs have agreed to terms with Cuban defector Juan Yasser Serrano, a right-handed pitcher. The 21-year-old Serrano must pass a physical exam and complete all necessary paperwork before yesterday's deal becomes official.

BASEBALL Outfielder Justin Upton and the Arizona Diamondbacks have agreed to a \$51.25-million US, six-year contract. The 22-year-old outfielder was a first-time all-star last season, when he hit .300 with 26 homers and 86 RBIs. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Flames acquire Staios

Calgary and Edmonton swing a deal for first time in history

Usually fierce opponents on the ice, the Calgary Flames and Edmonton Oilers worked together to complete an NHL trade deadline deal yesterday.

The Flames acquired 36-year-old defenceman Steve Staios from the Oilers for 26-year-old defenceman Aaron Johnson and a third-round draft pick in either 2010 or 2011.

It's the first time in the two teams' storied histories that the inter-province rivals have traded with each other.

"The fact that I'm the first one is something to talk about. For me personally, it's not a big deal," said Staios in a conference call. "I'm a Flame now and I'll have no problem doing what I do once I get the jersey on."

Calgary general manager Darryl Sutter said he made the deal to acquire a veteran defenceman to help the Flames (30-23-9) in their battle for a playoff spot down the stretch run.

"Steve's a player that I've liked for a long time obviously and (I've) seen him in that Calgary-Edmonton



Defenceman Steve Staios, right, battles along the boards with Calgary's Jarome Iginla during a game in November. The Flames acquired Staios from Edmonton yesterday in exchange for Aaron Johnson and a third-round draft pick in either 2010 or 2011.

rivalry lots over the years," Sutter said. "Thankfully we get him."

Sutter said that he worked on the deal with Edmonton on and off for a month before getting it done yesterday.

"There's not very many of that type of quality veteran, leadership type of de-

fencemen in the market and if there were, we felt that they weren't as good as Steve or they were making a lot more money. You're talking about a top guy in terms of leadership and that's really important to our team."

In 40 games for the Oilers this season, Staios has

seven assists and a minus-19 rating. He has one more season and \$2.2 million US remaining on his contract.

Also yesterday, the Flames swapped backup goaltenders with the Anaheim Ducks, acquiring Vesa Toskala in exchange for Curtis McElhinney, while trading forward Dustin Boyd to the Nashville Predators for a fourth-round draft pick.

Calgary and Detroit then swapped minor-leaguers, with the Flames picking up Andy Delmore in exchange for Riley Armstrong.

Sutter is now hoping Toskala can provide the Flames with a solid backup goaltender to Kiprusoff with 20 games remaining on the schedule.

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Not much to talk about on trade front

NHL Toronto Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke stepped to the podium not long after the NHL's annual trade deadline had passed, and like many of his colleagues around the league he had plenty to say but nothing to really brag about.

Some teams were more active than others, like the Washington Capitals, who added veteran depth and clubs like the Leafs and Carolina Hurricanes, who shed it. But it was difficult to find a headline-grabbing name in the mass of movement like there was two years ago, when the deadline was filled with big names such as Marian Hossa and Brian Campbell.

"I would say it was decidedly quiet," Burke said yesterday. "Lots of activity, but it's a low-hum, you know? No big thunder claps."

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Winter can be one of the best times of the year to enjoy your indoor decor. As the outside weather whips us with cold wind and splashes up with slush, our bedrooms are the perfect place to create a warm and cosy retreat from those harsh outdoor elements.

Short of cranking up the heat thermometer or wearing the snuggle blanket that our Moms gave us for Christmas, I've come up with a few designer-friendly heat sources that will keep our sleeping spaces cosy and stylish during these



The Dimplex electric fireplace.

chilly winter months:

Wall-hung fireplace: Yes, its electric, slim and hangs on the wall. Made by Canadian company Dimplex (around \$500, dimplex.com) it has a remote thermostat to warm up your room in no time.

Warming blankets: The Sunbeam Cuddler Electric Throw (\$129 from sears.ca)

helps to warm your bed or can be used as a throw while watching television on the couch.

Stylish heater: Add a spot of heat to your room with an ultra-stylish and affordable space heater that instantly heats up the room with good looks. The Max Red Heater (Bed, Bath and Beyond, \$119) is the perfect obedient pet to stand in the



The Sunbeam Cuddler Electric Throw.

corner and adore.

Flannel sheets: As cosy as flannel PJs, a good set of cotton flannel sheets (stay away from synthetic blends) will be your best friend in bed. I found mine at Home-

sense for less than \$60/queen. I suggest dark grey, deep green or chocolate brown; darker colours will visually make your bed feel more intimate and cosy. **Sheepskin style rug:** Create

comfort under foot with a plush, sheepskin rug. Synthetic or real (I always see these at Ikea for around \$50), they now come dyed in a rainbow of funky colours to add a burst of colourful warmth to the floor. Look for natural cream, fuschia pink or charcoal grey; it'll be the best way to warm up those cold laminate floors when you jump out of bed each morning.

Luke-warming ideas NOT endorsed by this designer: Fuzzy moose slippers, a steamy novel or the famous snuggle blanket. Keep warm and stay stylish until full-on spring arrives.

Karl Lohnes is passionate about good decor and wants to help you have a beautiful home, no matter what your budget or style.

Do some home detoxing while you clean house

HomeScope

Sylvia Putz

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As you contemplate spring cleaning this year, why not "detox" your home as well?

There are many everyday sources of toxins in our homes. Granted, the amounts from any one source may be small, but consider the fact that these toxins accumulate over time, and that there are multiple sources in most homes. In addition, most homes are tightly closed over the winter to conserve energy, so pollutants can build up.

Doesn't sound like a healthy scenario, does it? Here are some ideas on how to minimize everyday toxins in your home.

- A doormat and a

shoes-off rule keep street contaminants out of your home.

- Open windows at times that toxins are likely to be released.
- Cleaning products can be a source of toxins. Effective, homemade simple cleaning solutions with vinegar and baking soda are inexpensive and easy. Check online for recipes.
- If you buy cleaners, use gentle, naturally-derived products without a strong smell or colour, and no more than a "caution" warning.
- Personal products, such as soaps, shampoos, lotions and make-up, should also be naturally derived, so they are less likely to contain harmful additives.
- Don't use bleach or products that contain chlorine. Also avoid paper products bleached with chlorine.
- Do not use air freshener sprays or plug-ins.
- In the laundry, avoid chemically treated fabric softener sheets. If you

Don't forget food

- Also minimize canned foods because of the thin layer of chemicals used to reduce sticking of food to the cans. Again, chemicals may leach into food.
- Don't use conventional non-stick cookware, especially if it is scratched. Use cast iron or stainless steel instead, or choose cookware with a non-toxic coating.

need, use a half-cup of vinegar in the rinse cycle instead.

- In the kitchen, avoid microwaving plastic. Store food in glass containers, and avoid PVC-based plastic wraps. Plastic ingredients may leach into food.

- Avoid stain and water repellants, as they may contain formaldehyde. Carpet and spot cleaners may also contain harmful chemicals.

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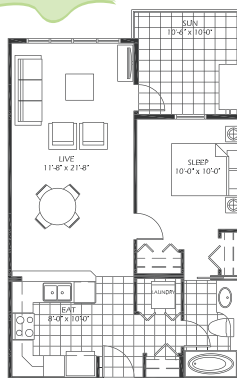


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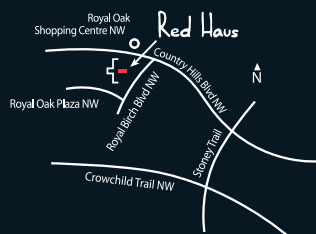


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The right light fixture can do wonders for a room, whether the space calls for ambient lighting, accenting or spotlighting a specific area.

The right fixture can also do wonders for your appearance, says Royal Lighting's General Manager Michael Gladstone.

"In the bedroom it can help you tell the difference between whether your pants or skirt are black or dark blue," said Gladstone. "In the bathroom if you have the right lighting, it enables you to do a better job shaving or putting on your makeup. A spotlight above your head, for example, means your body is creating a shadow, so you are not putting on makeup in the right light."

"You show me five men who have different kinds of lights in their bathroom, I can show you who missed spots (shaving their faces)."

A plain or unappealing fixture can do little for a room — in contrast, an eye-catching chandelier or floor lamp can cast a gorgeous glow, or act as a delightful decorative piece.

"You walk into someone's house and they have the \$11 fixture that the builder put in 14 years ago," said Gladstone, who has been in the lighting business for 30 years. "Or you have a beautiful piece of crystal lighting, something that really sets the room off. It makes such a difference."

Keep in mind, Gladstone said, the size of the room and if functional lighting or mood lighting is desired.



With the **Sphere Table Lamp**, right, a curvaceous base in silver-plated glass or richly toned, hand-pieced sheesham wood, is balanced by a cylindrical shade. \$99. The **Pebble Table Lamp**, with a silver glass base and white textured cotton shade, is inspired by the smooth, organic shape of a river rock. West Elm, \$179, westelm.com.



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The **Glass Link Chandelier**, right, is a chic, modern take on traditional design, with cascades of tempered glass refracting the light on a polished-nickel frame, adding festive sparkle to the table. \$299. The luminous natural capiz shells on the **Natural Capiz Pendant** softly diffuses the light, casting a romantic glow. \$99. Both from West Elm, westelm.com.



The **Lancaster Desk Lamp's** unique swan neck holds the lamp arm and allows you to adjust its length and angle to the perfect position. Ballard Designs, \$89, ballarddesigns.com.



The **Cross-Base Floor Lamp**, right, has an iron base topped with a tall textured cotton shade that softly diffuses the light. \$199. The **Adjustable Metal Floor Lamp** with white fabric drum shade focuses light with an adjustable tripod base. \$149. Both from West Elm, westelm.com.



Style

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Oscar outfits

Experts weigh in on red carpet expectations

JORDANA DIVON
for Metro Canada



Awards? What awards? For many, Oscar night is the world's most elaborate fashion show, a chance for the sartorially minded to revel in the beauty (and occasional beastliness) of Hollywood glamour.

Just in case you can't wait until the weekend, Metro has assembled an expert panel to drop a few hints about what to expect on this year's Academy Awards runway.

The Ladies

Los Angeles-based Ali Rahimi is an awards show pro, having dressed stars like Amy Adams, Anjelica Huston and Jane Lynch for their respective romps down the red carpet. And al-

though he won't tell us who, don't be surprised to see one of his gowns floating into The Kodak



Actresses Jane Lynch, far right, (wearing Ali Rahimi) and Maggie Gyllenhaal, right, (in Roland Mouret).

Hollywood Votes

Academy Awards

Theatre on Sunday.

"In the past few years the trend has been discovering new designers – not just sticking with the same old guard – and feeling comfortable enough to take a chance and wear colour or fabrics that are a little more out there. There's always going to be black, but I think we're also going to see a lot more fabrics like silk taffeta, which is very malleable to drape different designs in, silk duchess, crepe, and we're seeing a lot of wonderfully



Left: Stuart Weitzman black satin glitzy sandal, \$485.

complicated, intricate knits as well."

The Gents

Menswear designer Dimitri Chris has been stitching up his niche on the Montreal fashion scene for the past decade, and is the veteran of not one, but two prêt-à-porter collections during la belle ville's Fashion Week. His use of shape and creative combinations has singled him out as one to watch.

"If a guy doesn't wear a traditional black tuxedo and tie he will automatically stand out and not necessarily in the right way. So to make a good statement, I think the men should opt for a real knotted bowtie, preferably in a pattern rather than solid black. They can also try a less conventional tuxedo with a lightweight velvet dinner jacket or a full-on silk tux in a navy or dark gray instead of the classic black."

The Shoes

Stuart Weitzman's 'million dollar shoes' have been an Oscars staple since 2002, and his work can be seen supporting many of the world's most famous arches.

"(This year we will see) lots and lots of platforms – the higher the better, as well as some unique feather detail designs, crystals, of course, and color palette of nudes and metallics. Stars are always ahead of the curve when it comes to embracing the latest in cutting-edge fashion, so expect the unexpected, especially from Maggie Gyllenhaal and Penelope Cruz."

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Britain's Missing Top Model, a reality series from BBC3 about eight young women with disabilities pursuing careers in modelling, airs in Canada on March 15. It will air on the the Body, Mind & Spirit channel (onebodymindspirit.com). METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hash and Van Noten kick off Paris Fashion Week

The City of Light's fall-winter 2010/2011 ready-to-wear shows got off to a featherweight start Wednesday with a delicate collection of layered transparencies by emerging French designer Anne Valerie Hash.

Slouchy cropped pants and raw-seamed jackets with see-through paneling were layered over straight-leg pants in shimmering translucent polyester in jewel tones. Abbreviated cocktail dresses in the same opalescent fabrics had delicately draped bodices and short pleated shirts that shone like deep sea jellyfish.

Highlights of the airy collection included a cropped kimono jacket in multicolored sequins that shone darkly and a silken jumpsuit that walked the fine line between dressy and casual.

Critically acclaimed Belgian designer Dries Van Noten also showed on day one of Paris Fashion Week with a collection that mixed vintage shapes and varied fabrics.



French designer Anne Valerie Hash showcased an airy collection of items in translucent polyester during her Paris show on Wednesday.

From rough canvas fabrics in military drab to fancy, matador-style silver embroidery, the runway show displayed a gorgeous, toned-down collection.

"We started with '50s and '60s couture, the beautiful shapes, and also looked at other garments, menswear, military uniforms and mixed them together in a rebellious way," the genial designer said.

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Your Oscar wins

From pretty to practical, luxe to less, swag-bag-inspired stuff for your own Oscar gift lounge — i.e. your big-screen-TV room

JANINE FALCON/FOR METRO CANADA

Hollywood Votes Academy Awards



Nine West floral clutch, \$120, for a little flower power. At The Bay.



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Halle by Halle Berry, \$49, the scent of an Oscar-winning woman.



Kim Drosdick hand-woven sterling-silver Oscar ring, \$295, a Canadian piece etalk daily's Tanya Kim is slated to wear during her red-carpet interviews.



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Sleeveless polyester dress, Vero Moda (\$45, veromoda.com)



Cotton wrap knit, Just B. (\$180, agencemelanie.mclean.com)

ADVICE Chalky grey is spring's newest neutral. Mix it with a creamy white or cloudy beige for a soft, monochromatic style in different fabrics and textures.

Linen and cotton blazer, French Connection (\$148, frenchconnection.com)



Synthetic-leather shoulder bag, Feet First (\$45, feetfirstshoes.com)



Synthetic-leather platform sandals, Aldo (\$80, aldoshoes.com)



Master class

David Yurman, legendary jewellery designer and celeb favourite, shares some of his favourite things with ELLE

By RITA SILVAN
Editor-in-Chief

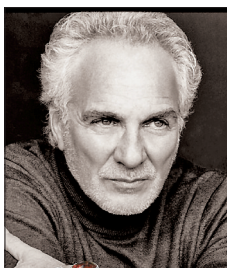
Chances are, either you or someone you know owns a David Yurman. Bold, gumball-size citrines, amethysts and blue topazes are often set in his distinctive cabled rings, bracelets, pendants and earrings. ELLE talks sparkle and stars with the mixmaster.

On creating ad campaigns "I always ask 'What's the emotion?' I am always

looking for 'smile' pictures." **On supermodels** "I love working with Kate Moss. She really sells it. Recently we shot with Amber Valletta, who is great. Forty-five people turned up on a tropical island—hair, makeup, a trailer of clothes, craft services!"

Best thing about success? "The freedom to create my own rules. For example, I ride my horse every Wednesday. If someone important is in town, I'll move my ride to another day. But I always take it."

On launching a fragrance "My wife, Sybil, and I are sensualists — we love flowers, music, fragrance. It took one year to create the formula, and we settled on



the one labelled #6."

On being a gem hunter "I love the Tucson Gem Fair. I always tell my son Evan 'Go old-school: Don't go for price; go for the best quality.'" One day... "I've never been to the Gem Palace in Jaipur, India."

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Justin Timberlake is back with ex Cameron Diaz — on the big screen. He has signed on to star alongside her in the comedy *The Bad Teacher*. According to *Variety*, Diaz, 37, plays a middle school teacher who gets dumped by her boyfriend. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Entertainment

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Bubl  leads Juno hunt

Crooner up for 6 awards

The Juno Awards are crazy for Vancouver crooner Michael Bubl  and his hit album *Crazy Love*.

Bubl  scored a leading six nominations as this year's Juno contenders were announced Wednesday.

Rockers Billy Talent, rapper Drake and country singer Johnny Reid all landed four nominations apiece.

Teen sensation Justin Bieber and Toronto indie-rockers Metric received three nods each.

Bubl  will compete for the Juno fan choice award, single of the year for *Haven't Met You Yet*, album of the year, artist of the year, songwriter of the year and pop album of the year.

Crazy Love also landed producers Bob Rock and David Foster a nomination each in the producer of the year category.

Rockers Billy Talent, from Mississauga, Ont., are up for single of the year for *Rusted From The Rain*, album of the year, group of the year and rock album of the year.

Drake, fresh off two Grammy nominations, will compete for single of the year (*Best I Ever Had*), new artist of the year, and a dou-

Juno contenders

• **Juno Fan Choice Award:** Ginette Reno, Johnny Reid, Maxime Landry, Michael Bubl , Nickelback

• **Artist Of The Year:** Diana Krall, Jann Arden, Johnny Reid, K'Naan, Michael Bubl 

• **Group Of The Year:** Billy Talent, Blue Rodeo, Hedley, Metric, The Tragically Hip

• **New Artist:** Carley Rae Jepsen, Danny Fernandes, Drake, Justin Bieber, Shloh

• **Alternative Album Of The Year:** Face Control, Handsome Furs, Post-Nothing, Japandroids, I Can Wonder What You Did With Your Day, Julie Doiron, Fantasies, Metric, Sainthood, Tegan & Sara

• Read the full list of nominees at metronews.ca/music.

ble nomination in the category of rap recording of the year.

Finally, singer-songwriter Johnny Reid — who was born in Scotland, raised in Toronto and now lives in Nashville — is up for fan choice, album of the year, artist of the year and country album of the year.

Bubl , Drake and Justin Bieber will be among the performers at the Junos, set for April 18 in St. John's,



Michael Bubl  has scored a leading six Juno nominations.

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Bryan Adams is slated to receive a humanitarian award and April Wine will be inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

Comedian Russell Peters has hosted the show for the last two years, but a spokes-

woman for the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences confirmed that the funnyman would not be back for this year's festivities.

Instead, the Junos will use several hosts.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Der lo sings heart out

Jason Der lo

Album: Jason Der lo

Label: Warner

Rating: ♂♂

AFTER YEARS

OF writing for other artists, latest R&B sensation Jason Der lo finally has his own success with hits *Whatcha Say* and *In My Head*. Creating a full-length on their backs, this nine-track eponymous effort ranges from simplistic dance anthems to more of the same. Completely vacuous, Der lo solely bleats about love in various states (falling into it, emotional hangovers and so on) and seems more concerned with finding vocal hooks than crafting anything of merit. Richly upbeat and overflowing with synthesized effects, Jason Der lo is danceable and quirky but it's also far from enduring or in danger of redefining pop music. Instead, it does as planned: makes a quick cash grab with rudimentary, disposable aural Papabum.

Keith Carman/for Metro Canada

Rogue Wave

Album: Permalight

Label: Universal

Rating: ♂♂♂

OAKLAND'S

ROGUE WAVE have never quit lived up to the promise they showed on their stunning debut *Out of the Shadow*. But, after two lackluster discs, their fourth record finally comes close. The record is filled with a mix of soft acoustic numbers and more upbeat electrotinged tunes. It's the former where they really shine — *Solitary Gun* is a gorgeous mid-tempo track. Unfortunately, some of the tracks sound a lot like Death Cab for Cutie, which takes away from Zack Rogue's improved songwriting.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Joanna Newsom

Album: Have One On Me

Label: Drag City

Rating: ♂♂♂♂

Rising star

Sam Worthington will be honoured as the *ShoWest Male Star of the Year* at the annual cinema owners' convention in Las Vegas this month. The *Avatar* star will receive the prize at an awards gala. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

AlbumReviews

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YOU HAVE TO BE nuts to release a two-hour, three-album

record filled with spare harp-filled sounds, so it's no surprise that Joanna Newsom has done exactly that. The eclectic singer-songwriter lays down 18 delicate, almost musical-like tracks on her third effort. This album is her most direct and lyrically realized, and while it's difficult to wrap your head around at first, these oddly infectious tunes are growers. Her one problem is the same issue anyone releasing a double disc or more faces — cutting a few of the more forgetful tunes would have made this a five star listen.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Brasstronaut

Album: Mt. Chimaera

Label: Unfamiliar

Rating: ♂♂♂♂

DON'T LET THE name fool you

Brasstronaut is not your uncle's smooth jazz band. But he might actually dig them. The Vancouver-based indie band definitely contains jazz in their complex DNA, as well as virtually every genre a sextet can cook up. The results are surprisingly coherent and yes, also very smooth on this debut album, *Mt. Chimaera*. While there are plenty of unorthodox instruments at play in Brasstronaut's oeuvre (flugelhorn, clarinet, EWI), their core is built from pop music in the same scrupulous respect as a proficient band like The Sea & Cake — or Steely Dan, if your uncle's reading.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

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Hurt Locker facing suit

A bomb disposal expert plans to sue the makers of *The Hurt Locker*, claiming the film's lead character is based on him and that they cheated him out of "financial participation in the film," his attorney said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Email spurs shutout

Hurt Locker producer barred from attending Oscars

A producer of the war story *The Hurt Locker* will not be allowed to attend Sunday's Academy Awards because of emails he sent urging academy members to vote for his movie, Oscar overseers said Tuesday.

But Nicolas Chartier will receive an Oscar at a later date if *The Hurt Locker* wins best picture.

The executive committee of the producers branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences imposed the penalty on Chartier, who violated Oscar rules that prohibit mailings promoting a film and disparaging another.

Chartier sent an email Feb. 19 to some academy members asking for their support for *The Hurt Locker*, not a "\$500 million film" — an obvious reference to blockbuster best-picture contender *Avatar*.

Subsequent emails, posted by the Los Angeles Times, showed Chartier



The *Hurt Locker* producer Nicolas Chartier won't be attending the Oscars Sunday.

asking Oscar voters to rank *The Hurt Locker* at No. 1 and *Avatar* at No. 10 among this year's expanded best-picture lineup of 10 films.

Chartier apologized in a subsequent email. "My naivete, ignorance of the rules and plain stupidity as a first-time nominee is

not an excuse for this behaviour and I strongly regret it," Chartier wrote. He did not immediately return a call Tuesday from

The Associated Press seeking comment on the academy's penalty. Officials at Summit Entertainment, which released *The Hurt Locker*, declined to comment.

Avatar producer Jon Landau did not immediately return a call for comment. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Hollywood ready for game week

If the Academy Awards are like the Super Bowl of entertainment, then it's game week in Tinseltown.

There are cocktail parties in every corner of the city. Gift lounges have sprouted up like spring flowers. Calendars are crammed with dress fittings and shoe fittings and diamond fittings, not to mention countless lunches and dinners in honour of various nominees. Meanwhile, rehearsals are going on inside the Kodak Theatre.

All of Hollywood is gearing up for Sunday's big game — the Oscars. Here's the latest:

DRINKS WITH HISTORY: The week just started and the Oscar parties have already begun. Entertainment site TheWrap.com held its Oscar soiree Monday night at the Four Seasons, and Los Angeles Times' awards section *The Envelope* cele-

brated the season Tuesday with a cocktail party at the Hollywood Museum.

Costumes from Oscar-nominated films filled the exhibition cases inside the historic Max Factor building. There were the military uniforms from *The Hurt Locker*, Sandra Bullock's dress from *The Blind Side* and the romanian pistol from *Star Trek*.

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HOLLYWOOD HALTED: Hollywood Boulevard — and its merchants — are martyrs for the Academy Awards.

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Battle of batting averages

NUMBERS Meryl Streep has a record 16 Academy Awards acting nominations, yet her batting average is minor league when it comes to winning.

Streep has two Oscars but also has by far the worst winning percentage among acting recipients who have earned two or more awards.

From her 15 previous nominations, Streep's batting average is .133. If she loses this time with her best-actress nomination for *Julie & Julia* — Sandra Bullock is the favourite for *The Blind Side* — Streep's average will drop to .125.

If Bullock wins, she'll have a perfect batting average — one-for-one, since this is her first nomination.

Katharine Hepburn had 12 nominations and won best actress four times, for 1933's *Morning Glory*, 1967's *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, 1968's *The Lion in Winter* and 1981's *On Golden Pond*. That's a .333 batting average.

Jack Nicholson also has 12 nominations but three wins (a .250 average), best actor for 1975's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and 1997's *As Good as It Gets* and supporting actor for 1983's *Terms of Endearment*.

Also with three wins are



Meryl Streep has a record 16 Oscar nominations for acting.

Ingrid Bergman (best actress for 1944's *Gaslight* and 1956's *Anastasia* and supporting actress for 1974's *Murder on the Orient Express*) and Walter Brennan (supporting actor for 1936's *Come and Get It*, 1938's *Kentucky* and 1940's *The Westerner*).

Bergman's three wins came from seven nominations, a .429 average. Brennan's came for just four nominations, a .750 average.

Streep does not have the worst batting average among actors with multi-

ple nominations.

Laurence Olivier had 10 nominations, winning just once (best actor for 1948's *Hamlet*), for a .100 average. Paul Newman was nominated nine times and won once (best actor for 1986's *The Color of Money*), for a .111 average.

With eight nominations and one win, a .125 average, are Al Pacino (best-actor winner for 1992's *Scent of a Woman*) and Geraldine Page (best-actress winner for 1985's *The Trip to Bountiful*). **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Cactus Club rises above

that; its hiring of Rob Feenie (the only Canadian to win on Iron Chef America) to create signature dishes for the chain really pays off.

Feenie has translated his French cuisine background into clean but sophisticated casual meals, alongside the standby burgers and steaks.

The beef carpaccio (\$13.50) starter is a good cut of peppercorn-crusted tenderloin with a nice grainy Dijon aioli, fried capers, and Parmesan. The accompanying crostini is delicious.

The mains really shine. Rob's Hunter Chicken

(\$22.50) is a gigantic, moist breast atop fresh green beans and herb fingerling potatoes. A demi-glace with button, portobello, shiitake and crimini mushrooms is cleaned off the plate.

Ravioli stuffed with butternut squash (\$24.50) deserves applause, caressed by beurre blanc and amaretti and sprinkled with pine nuts and crispy sage. The addition of perfectly cooked prawns makes this the best chain dinner I've ever had.

Feenie also ups the ante on standards like the clubhouse (\$17.50) with BBQ duck, pan-seared



Rob's Hunter Chicken (\$22.50)

chicken and prosciutto on pecan fruit bread.

Service is excellent, something else that sets

this chain restaurant above the rest.

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Dining out

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In brief

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A little more time on the outside

Lil Wayne was ready Tuesday to go to jail but his court date went up in smoke.

While the rap star was heading to his sentencing after pleading guilty in a 2007 gun case, a fire shut down the courthouse and postponed the already-delayed proceeding.

Having braced to start up to a year behind bars, he was unhappy about the postponement, said his lawyer, Stacey Richman.

"Once you make up your mind to do something, you want to do it," she said.

The sentencing may be rescheduled for later this week, though court officials were still scrambling to determine Tuesday afternoon when Manhattan's main criminal courthouse could reopen after the smoky basement blaze. It left eight people with minor injuries and forced about 1,000 to flee the building.

The Grammy Award-winning rapper is expected to get a year-long jail term after pleading guilty in October to attempted criminal possession of a weapon. He admitted hav-



Lil Wayne's sentencing has been postponed due to a courthouse fire

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ing a loaded gun on his tour bus when it was stopped after a Manhattan show in July 2007.

If he's back in court this week, he could cross paths with fellow platinum-sell-

ing rapper Ja Rule, arrested separately on a gun-possession charge after playing the same concert. Ja Rule, known to the court as Jeff Atkins, happens to have a court date Wednesday; he has pleaded not guilty.

Lil Wayne, 27, was initially due to be sentenced and start his term last month, but the date was pushed back so he could have surgery on his gemstone-encrusted teeth.

He said in a video clip sent Monday to MTV News that he shot footage for seven music videos with various artists in one night

over the weekend.

Lil Wayne, born Dwayne Carter, has been one of the genre's most prolific, ubiquitous and profitable figures in recent years. His Tha Carter III was the best-selling album of 2008. His latest album, Rebirth, was released last month.

The courthouse fire apparently started in a wooden equipment shed construction workers had built in the basement at 100 Centre St., firefighters said. The 17-storey, 1941 Art Deco building houses many of Manhattan's criminal courts, its district attorney's office and other agencies.

The Fire Department said officials were still investigating what caused the blaze but didn't think it was suspicious.

About 1,000 people were forced to leave as smoke spread in the building, leaving a haze in the lobby and a light plume of yellow-brown smoke near the roof. Several surrounding blocks in the busy zone of courts and other government offices were closed for more than an hour.

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Mitt Romney's wild ride

MUSIC AND POLITICS Mitt Romney says a recent airplane scuffle with a rap star "broke my hair."

The 2008 Republican presidential contender joked about the confrontation Tuesday on the Late Show with David Letterman.

Romney says rapper Sky Blu ignored the instruction "we've all heard 10,000 times" to put his seat back

upright, so the former Massachusetts governor "tapped him on the shoulder."

Blu is a member of LMFAO and the grandson of Motown founder Berry Gordy. He says Romney clasped him with a "Vulcan grip" on an Air Canada flight, so he reacted instinctively by lashing back at him.

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Palin plays along on Tonight

LATE NIGHT TV Former Republican vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin turned into a standup comic on Jay Leno's Tonight Show, dropping one-liners about the White House, Congress and Tina Fey.

Palin joked that she's going to play Fey in an upcoming Las Vegas show.

She told Leno's audience she planned to speak at a gun-rights convention: "Be there or

else," she warned them. She said Alaska is different from California. In Los Angeles, "when people have a frozen look on their face, I find out it's Botox."

And she's happy she's not vice-president. "I would not know what to do with all that free time," she quipped.

In remarks taped for broadcast later Tuesday, Palin said the White House health care plan reminds her of acrobatic flips done by Olympic snowboard champion Shaun White.

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critics' corner

The Nature of Things
It's a deep subject. The new four-part series "One Ocean" is an ambitious look at the past, present and future of the Earth's ocean waters, starting here with the birth of the ocean itself and the emergence of life from its depths. Later episodes explore the variety of present-day sea life and the role of the ocean in our future survival. As you might expect, the visuals are eye-popping. David Suzuki hosts. 8 PM on CBRT



Manhunters: Fugitive Task Force

In "The Latin King," the South Jersey office of the Fugitive Task Force team collaborates with the Puerto Rico Task Force to apprehend a high-ranking member of the Latin Kings gang, who is wanted for kidnapping and shooting a man. Their quarry has been living underground for the past nine years, but a recent break in the case takes the officers to a tiny town where he may be hiding. 8 PM on A&E



Beverly Hills plastic surgeon Frank Ryan recently performed 10 procedures on Heidi Montag. Now he tells UsMagazine.com he won't operate on The Hills star, 23, again. "There's really nothing to do," he said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

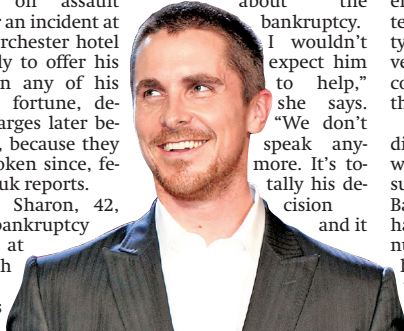
No financial Bale out for sis

BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER BUT NOT AS THICK AS \$60 MILLION ONE DOLLAR BILLS Christian Bale — whose family had him arrested in July 2008 on assault charges after an incident at London's Dorchester hotel — is unlikely to offer his sister Sharon any of his \$60 million fortune, despite the charges later being dropped, because they have not spoken since, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

His sister Sharon, 42, faced a bankruptcy hearing at Bournemouth County Court, and is

in the precarious financial situation because of a number of disastrous property investments.

"Christian doesn't know about the bankruptcy. I wouldn't expect him to help," she says. "We don't speak anymore. It's totally his decision and it



makes us all very sad. I started my own property investment company and made some mistakes."

Bale's 61-year-old mother Jenny — whose daughter now faces the possibility of losing her home — revealed they not had any contact with the actor for the past year.

"Sharon is in a pretty dire situation and has always tried her hardest to support her family," says Bale's mom. "We don't have Christian's current number and he doesn't know anything about what's happening."

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This was about a stun gun, right?

NOT A SEMI-AUTOMATIC OR A BAZOOKA? A lawyer for Katherine Jackson is zapping reports that Jermaine Jackson's 13-year-old son Jaafar allegedly tried to harm the late King of Pop's son Blanket with a stun gun, people.com reports.

The L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services visited the Jacksons' Encino, Calif., home, but the family insists it was much ado about nothing.

"Blanket Jackson never saw or heard the stun gun," says attorney Adam Streisand in a statement.

"Neither did Paris Jackson. Prince saw the stun gun in the possession of security. There is no second stun gun."

Streisand says Jaafar, who lives with his mother Alejandra at the home, ordered a stun gun online two weeks ago and opened the package alone in his bathroom and tested it on a piece of paper.

"Mrs. Jackson and security heard the sound coming from the

second floor of the house," the lawyer says.

"Immediately, security went upstairs and confiscated the stun gun. Mrs. Jackson took control over it and then had it removed from the house. There was no other incident."

"All of the kids are happy, healthy and wonderful and that is Mrs. Jackson's only objective and concern," Streisand adds.

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Dancing into Dane Cook's life

AND HOPEFULLY DOSIE DOUGHING RIGHT OUT OF IT AGAIN Since her split from boyfriend Chuck Wicks in November, country and dancing darling Julianne Hough appears to be enjoying the single life, people.com re-



ports. In December she was briefly linked to Kings of Leon bassist Jared Followill, and the Dancing with the Stars pro now seems to be spending some quality time with funnyman Dane Cook.

Hough, 21, attend-

ed Cook's surprise performance at Hollywood's Laugh Factory Saturday night.

A source says that after his set, the comedian walked over to Hough, who was seated at a private table, and "kissed her, and they quickly left together."

Reps for both Hough and Dane had no comment.

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Betty White not dead yet

GOSSIP WRITERS — SHOULDN'T TRUST THEM. EXCEPT FOR US, OF COURSE There are some people who you just shouldn't mess with, and one of them is Golden Girls goddess Betty White, popeater.ca reports.

In the wee hours of Tuesday night/Wednesday morning, a dastardly hoax was perpetrated in the comments area of popular gossip blog Oh No They Didn't, where a screen-shot of a fake TMZ article was posted claiming the actress had died.

How'd she

perish? The faux article said it was mixture of drug abuse and foul play. From there, the rumour spread like wildfire and quickly became a hot trend on Twitter and Google.

A blog called The Cutting Room Floor got to the bottom of the hoax early Wednesday.

Though commenters on Oh No They Didn't claimed they had seen the article on TMZ, no such piece could be found on the popular website's homepage.

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Avatar considered off limits

BUT CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT HE'D DO WITH IT IF IT WASN'T? If there was anyone who could fall into the "too

racy for the Oscars" category when it came to writing a skit, Sacha Baron Cohen sits at the top of the list, popeater.com reports.

So it's no surprise that the man behind raunchy-yet-hysterical alter egos

like Borat and Bruno had his skit vetoed from this weekend's Oscars telecast.

Why? Because it apparently contained some jokes directed at Avatar director James Cameron, and the show's producers didn't want to insult the man behind the biggest movie ever.

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The man works in showbiz

IT'S HARDLY A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT FOR 'COMING OUT' Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe takes rumours about his sexuality in stride, he tells MTV News.

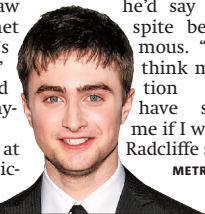
"My favourite thing I saw was a guy on the Internet that said, 'Of course he's gay. He's got a gay face,' which I thought was kind of an odd thing to say anyway," says Radcliffe.

"Like they've sat at home and have got pictures of me next to oth-

er famous gay (people) — Elton John. I don't know — just comparing across the years."

The 20-year-old star insists if he were gay, he'd say so, despite being famous. "I don't think my position would have stopped me if I was gay," Radcliffe says.

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CelebTweets

CONAN O'BRIEN isn't adapting well to Twitter, **KELLY OSBOURNE** has her priorities set, **DIABLO CODY** isn't proud of herself, and **TAYLOR SWIFT** has poor impulse control. @ConanOBrien This is only my 5th tweet and I'm already exhausted. My God, how does Ashton do it? @MissKellyO I would not waste money on plastic surgery people have already made up there minds as to what I look like and I would rather buy a new dress @diablocody Just transformed a full bag of "Tacos at Midnight" Doritos into a half-empty bag of "Shame at Noon" Doritos. @taylorswift13 At the nail salon. Toes under the nail-dryer thing. They put me in front of the bowl of tootsie rolls. Now they're having to refill it. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Poppa don't preach

TO THE PRESS PLEASE Of all the problems Lindsay Lohan has faced recently, she says the worst is her father, Michael Lohan, talking about her to the press.

"He's nuts. He is someone who is crying out for help and attention. He is the one who should be in rehab," Lohan says, according to Hollyscoop.

"The real issue here? I don't condone that he has never paid child support. He has never stepped up. It's not fair, my mom has been such a great mother and has done such a great job raising us."

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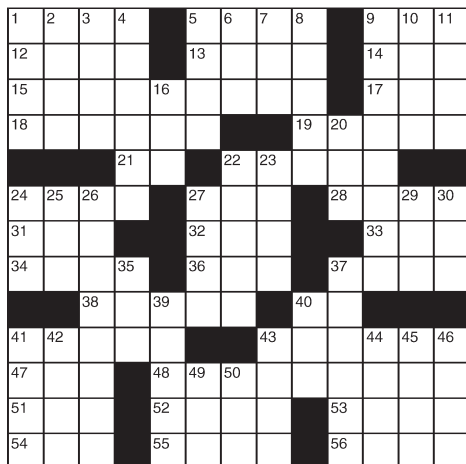
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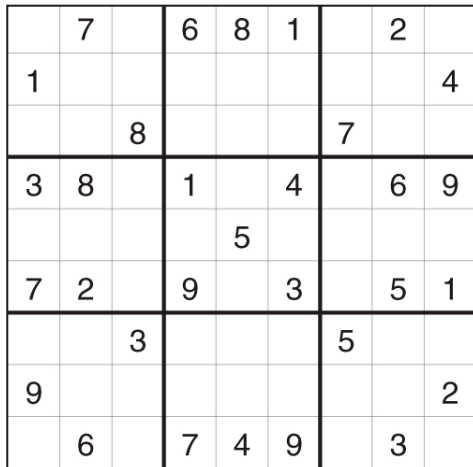
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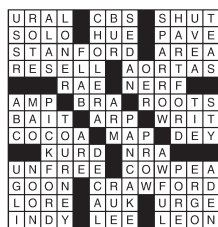
Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Moroccan chickpea stew

INGREDIENTS:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground ginger
2 ml (1/2 tsp) each salt and freshly cracked black pepper
1 ml (1/4 tsp) each turmeric, cinnamon and chili powder
1 can (796 ml/28 oz) diced tomatoes (undrained)
500 ml (2 cups) vegetable or chicken broth
2 peeled sweet potatoes, cut into chunks
250 ml (1 cup) long-grain white rice
1 can (540 ml/19 oz) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
2 zucchini, sliced

METHOD:

1. In a Dutch oven or large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion, ginger, salt, pepper, turmeric, cinnamon and chili powder. Cook until onion is tender and golden, about 10 minutes. Stir in tomatoes with their juices and broth, scraping any bits from the bottom of the pan. Add sweet potatoes and rice; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer, cover and cook for 15 minutes.

2. Stir in chickpeas and zucchini and cook until rice is tender and most of the liquid has been absorbed, about 10 minutes.

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



If you are creative or artistic then you will soon get the chance to show what you can do. Your special talent is about to make itself known.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Go with the flow today, even if it appears to be taking you in a direction that doesn't feel right.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



A friend or family member needs your help and you won't hesitate to give it. You have energy, you have enthusiasm and you have self-belief.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



It may not seem as if Lady Luck is smiling on you at the moment but a few weeks from now you will realize how many things began to change around this time.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Be ambitious today. Others may have more talent and experience than you but those things matter less than energy and self-belief.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



There are times when even a Sagittarius needs to unburden their feelings and this is one of them. But you must be careful who you choose to talk to.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



If you keep your eyes and ears open today you may get a pointer as to which direction your optimal future can be found. Pay attention!

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



You have more control over the events of your life than you seem to be aware of and what happens today will confirm that fact in some way.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



The fact that you feel a certain way means you are entitled to feel that way – you don't need permission. You are who you are for a reason.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Listen to your inner voice today. If it tells you that something is not quite right you must take note.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



You will feel so alive and on top of things today that you will get ten things done in the time it usually takes you to do just one.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



Believe it or not you are on the right track and making considerable progress, so there is no need to change your tactics or lower your sights.

This day in history

- 1519 – Hernan Cortes arrives in Mexico in search of the Aztec civilization and their wealth.
1789 – In New York City, the first United States Congress meets, putting the Constitution of the United States into effect.
1887 – Gottlieb Daimler unveils his first automobile which he test runs in Esslingen and Cannstatt, Germany.
1918 – The first case of Spanish flu occurs, the start of a devastating worldwide pandemic.
1966 – Canadian Pacific Air Lines DC-8-43 explodes on landing at Tokyo International Airport, killing 64 people.

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